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Why I Make This Astonishing Offer.

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FOR TEN CENTS I will send the following collection of Choice Vegetables. I make this offer to accommodate those flower-lovers who grow Vegetables for family use, and wish only the best seeds at a moderate cost. When ordering see your friends and neighbors, and send in as large a club as you can. *The seeds are fresh and first-class, and of the most desirable varieties for general cultivation.* Ten well-filled packets of Choice Vegetable Seeds for 10 cents. They are worth at least 50 cents. Is not this a bargain?

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Per ounce 10 cents, one-fourth pound 30 cents.

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This is the earliest Tomato of large size, and has given great satisfaction wherever grown, far surpassing the Tomato which is commonly sold as Atlantic Prize. The fruit is large, smooth, solid, bright ruby-red, does not crack or rot, and ripens evenly throughout. It is borne in large clusters, and continues in bearing throughout the season. It is sweet and highly-flavored, and the vines are very prolific.



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Musk Melon, Extra Early Hackensack.

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Parsnip, Improved Sugar.

The Improved Hollow Crown or Sugar Parsnip is the sweetest and best Parsnip in cultivation. It is of large size, smooth, tender, sugary, and of excellent flavor. Sow early. The roots may remain where they grow till wanted for use. The strain I offer is of surpassing excellence, having been greatly improved by diligent and careful selection. The seeds I offer are fresh, and will yield a fine crop. Price per ounce 5 cents, one-fourth pound 10 cents.



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For the family garden I offer a mixture which is just what is wanted, as it embraces early, medium and late, and the Radish bed will thus afford a continuous supply for the table throughout the season. If preferred a package of the French Breakfast Radish, shown in the engraving, will be sent instead. The mixture, however, is a fine one and will undoubtedly prove satisfactory in every respect. Price per ounce 5 cents, one-quarter pound 10 cents.



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Cummington, Mass., Feb. 25, 1898.

Bulbs Not Starting.—Chinese Lilies, Daffodils, Hyacinths and other bulbs sometimes fail to develop roots. Mostly this is due to too much moisture in the soil, or to placing the base of the bulb in water. Bulbs should be watered sparingly till roots start, after which they are more hardy. If grown in water the bulb should be placed above the water, say an eighth of an inch. The evaporation of the water will start the roots, after which the water may be allowed to touch the bulb occasionally without injury.

Japonica.—A reader wants information on the culture of the "Red Japonica," by which she doubtless means the Japan Quince, Cydonia Japonica. It is easily propagated from layers made in September, and allowed to remain untouched for a year and a half. Then separate from the parent plant and transplant. The shrub is hardy and will grow in any soil or situation, but does best in a sunny place. Planted east of a wall or building, and trained against the side, it does well, and becomes a glowing mass during early spring. It also makes a handsome and effectual hedge fence.

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Mr. Park:—I am seventy-one years old, but I do love flowers, and have a small flower garden to work in, although I am not able to do very much.
Selina W. Abbott.

Essex Co., Mass., Feb. 26, 1898.

Mr. Park:—We have so many beautiful wild flowers, some of the prettiest and most fragrant Lilies I ever saw. The Magnolia is one of our native trees. In the spring every breeze is laden with its fragrance.
Mrs. T. H. Hart.

Valdosta, Ga., Feb. 24, 1898.

Dear Mr. Park:—The "Christmas" Hyacinths and Daffodils are blooming, and are enjoyed by many besides our own family. Some of them I loan for a day or two to my little daughter, who gave them to me, to carry to school. The pupils enjoy them so much, never having seen Hyacinths. Others are sent to the sick. One school-boy said that was the kind of a Christmas he would like. Tollie first took a pink one, then a white one, then a blue, etc., just for a day or two. I am so glad to be able to give pleasure to so many by my sweet flowers. I think those Daffodils beautiful, and with one exception are different from any I had. I have one bed of single and double ones of about two hundred bulbs. The landscape is beautiful here, the grain fields are such a lovely green. The Almonds and early fruit trees are in bloom, and many wild flowers too, while the bulbs and plants in the yard rival the rainbow in color, and the mingled perfume of so many varieties is simply delicious. I wish everybody could see California at this season of the year.
Mrs. D. T. H.

Shasta Co., Cal., Mar. 3, 1898.

Dear Mr. Park:—I thank you very much for the exceedingly generous premium received, for my sister and myself, by me, last mail. I am sure anyone must be more than satisfied with the quality and quantity of the bulbs, and I must reiterate what is so often said, that I cannot think how you can do it, for no one else sends such lavish premiums with any other floral magazine. And I must again thank you for the pleasure I always find in reading the simple, unaffected, straight-forward pages of your little periodical.
Mary Reynolds.

Hastings, Hawkes' Bay, New Zealand.

Mr. Park:—I like your Magazine very much. The articles upon the various topics are very explicit, and the letters upon your European trip are so interesting.
Mrs. E. Cole.

Davies Co., Mo., Feb. 1, 1898.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Floral Magazine for several years, and think more of it than of any other. When it comes I am never satisfied until I have read every word.
M. W. Grover.

Nevada Co., Cal., Jan. 26, 1898.

Dear Mr. Park:—Your Magazine has been my floral friend for more than eight years, and I consider it one of the best friends I have.
Mrs. Lizzie King.

Brown Co., Kas., Feb., 19, 1898.

Mr. Park:—I have been reading old numbers of the Magazine, and it is truly a "sunbeam" in the winter time, or any time. The very best floral journal in the land.
Mrs. H. E. Burch.

Gage Co., Neb., Dec. 18, 1897.

Mr. Park:—I would not be without your Magazine. I derive much help as well as pleasure from it.
Mrs. J. H. Briggs.

Missoula Co., Mont., Jan. 28, 1898.

Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is to my flower work what the sunshine is to all—an essential.
Mrs. J. G. Angel.

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Yours truly, FANNY McDONALD.

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A TRITE COMPARISON.

Thou wert like love, thou wert like love,
Proud crimson Rose in June-time heat;
In vain against thy wishes I strove,
That lured me nigh, o'ercome with sweet
And scented pangs, till I would own
Thee regal over sense and self;
My bosom for thy despot throne,—
My peaceful days for tyrant's self.

I clasped thee tight, I clasped thee tight,
As swains do love, when first they sigh;
I breathed in tints, perfume my sight,
And whispered: "Mine until I die,"
"Mine banquets rare though afterwhile,
Mine beauteous nights and raptured morns,"
* * * * *

Night found me Rose-bereft through guile,
Morn found my heart the slave of thorns.

Robt. O. Stump

Price Hill, O., Aug. 9, 1897.



GESNERIA VARIEGATED-LEAVED.

GESNERACEOUS PLANTS.

WHAT are known as Gesneraceous plants are members of the order Gesneriaceæ. They are all tropical plants, rather succulent in stem and leaves, the latter opposite or radical, mostly soft and hairy, sometimes richly marked, and the flowers tubular, irregular, with two or four stamens, didynamous, with a rudiment. Style 1. In Gesneria, the type of the order, the flowers are bell-form; in Gloxinia they are bell funnel-form; in the Achimene and Tydæa salver form. Other Gesnereworts, as Plectropomas, Nægelias and Eucodonias, exhibit these forms in variation, but are mostly in the form of Achimenes, and are, by many regarded as

species of that genus. All of these plants are summer-blooming, and are desirable for the decoration of either window or conservatory. Some have beautiful, velvety foliage, as well as handsome flowers, and are on that account doubly attractive. All are of easy culture. Pot in loose, porous, well-drained soil, water sparingly till well started, then apply water sparingly. Keep in a partial shade and where the wind and rain will not injure the foliage. When the tops die in autumn set the pots away in a dry room where the temperature will be maintained at about 50°. With these simple rules no trouble will be experienced by anyone who undertakes the culture of these lovely tropical plants, and a collection of them affords as much pleasure as that of any class of flowers which can be grown.

Hibiscus Crimson Eye.—This beautiful hardy perennial is of robust



TYDÆA.

growth with dark red stems, and dark green foliage, and a well developed plant will produce over a hundred flowers during the season. The individual flowers measure from six to seven inches across, and in color are of the purest white with a large spot of deep crimson in the centre of each flower. It will do well in almost any soil and situation, but will well repay any amount of care and attention.

Floral Park, N. Y. Chas. E. Parnell.

Tree Morning Glory.—I have a plant of Tree Morning Glory, and find it is all that is claimed for it. The flowers are freely produced, and come sometimes in clusters.

Julia A. Wilson.

Appanoose Co., Iowa, Jan. 30, 1898.

ABOUT COSMOS.

FROM the time the small Cosmos plants push above the ground, when the upright stalks, bearing the first leaves remind one of sturdy little soldiers, until the graceful, delicate flowers appear, this is one of the most dainty and interesting inmates of the garden. This much talked of flower deserves all the attention it receives. We learn that it is a native of Florida, and it is a matter of surprise, that its habitat being so near, it has not been more generally known. I have been among flowers all my life, yet it was not until within a few years that I knew of Cosmos. I grew the plants for the first time in 1893, and hard frosts came before the buds had opened. Those most advanced were picked and opened in the house. Last summer I planted it again. We had an exceptionally beautiful autumn. The first flowers opened October 9th and for six weeks the dainty star-like blossoms delighted us. About the 22nd of November the first hard freeze came, and I picked all partly opened buds. They developed in a warm room, and graced the Thanksgiving board, more prized than the Chrysanthemums from the florists. While contributors report early blossoms, the florists here say it is a fall flower, and will not bloom in early summer. The leading florist in this city had no blossoms from it in 1896, although that same summer I saw it in bloom in August, thirty miles from here. I was told there to sow in the fall, and it was sure to come into bloom early. One of our leading florists told me that it comes into bloom earlier in some parts of the city, than in others, though he gave no reason for it. Possibly the difference in soil accounts for it, as there is an astonishing variety within the city limits, from heavy clay to lake sand. A friend came one morning from a wheel trip to another part of the city, with her hands full of the lovely flowers, weeks before mine came into bloom. The lady who grew them said they need great quantities of water. With Lake Erie at our door, mine shall have a generous supply in coming seasons. I like Sara Jay's suggestion, in the December MAGAZINE, of deep planting. I plant the seed in boxes, and when the plants are two inches high, pot in egg shells. When they are large enough to be put into the open ground, the shells can be removed without disturbing the plants. I shall always grow the plants for the exquisite foliage. Nothing is more beautiful with Sweet Peas, and it is lovely with any flower. Mrs. D. T. Wilson.

Cuyahoga Co., O.

Hibiscus Sinensis.—In the spring of '97 I received a small Hibiscus plant. I potted and fed, and pinched it into a shapely little tree, intending to winter it in the cellar. But when the time came to bring it in I noticed a bud. That was too much—I could not afford to lose that bud. So I set the plant in a south window, and now I have a great big blossom, four inches in diameter, color crimson scarlet. The plant has more buds. Mrs. W. C. Collins.

Allegan Co., Mich., Feb. 15, 1898.

OLD MAN'S FACE.

A SUBSCRIBER enquires about a "pea-like flower growing in spikes and bearing pods of face-like seeds, from which the plant is named "Old Man's Face." The botanical name is *Lupinus*, and the different species bear seeds which vary in size, color, surface and markings. They all have more or less the face-like character, as shown in the little illus-



tration. The most characteristic species of "Old Man's Face" is *Lupinus hirsutus*, the seeds of which are as large as coffee grains, are rough to the touch, and a shade of yellowish brown with distinct dark markings. This is represented in Fig. 2. It is an annual, with spikes of large, blue



LUPINUS SUB-CARNOSUS.

and white flowers. *Lupinus sub-carnosus*, illustrated above, is a Texan annual, of great beauty. *L. perennis* is a native perennial of the Eastern States, and one of the most showy and beautiful of our early summer wildlings.

Remedy for Worms in Pots.—

The best remedy I ever found for worms in the soil in pots is to bury therein a piece of camphor gum. This will kill the worms, and the plants seem to thrive better for its presence there. Mrs. J. B. Shaw.

Vinita, I. T., Feb. 25, 1898.

Madeira Vine.—I planted a bulb of Madeira Vine in December. I keep it in the sitting room in the north window, and now it is about eight feet long. Its wax-like leaves are lovely. Mrs. Mary Byrd.

Douglas Co., Mo., Feb. 22, 1898.

COWSLIPS.

Lo, where they grow are thoughts of summer's story,
So sweetly told,
The eternal sunshine softly lights their glory,
Of green and gold.
They whisper mystic thoughts, but who did heed them,
Who understand?
Their pages glow so bright, but who will read them?
They pass unscanned.
Unread, until we put aside all passion,
Heartache and strife;
And thrust all evil thoughts, and weary longing
From out our life.
Then we may read the mystic page, and hearken
To stories told
By pensive Cowslips, when the dim lights
darken
Their green and gold.

St. Paris, O. Anna Bodey.

COMING.

The springtime is coming, no power can stay
The rush of her wings in her journey to-day;
The springtime is coming, not a moment too soon,
She scatters her blossoms by starlight and moon.

She comes with a cargo of leaflets and flowers,
With buds and with blossoms to bloom in her
bowers;

She looks with a smile on the poor leafless tree
And decks it with blossoms for you and for me.

She laughs in her glee as she holds her gay court
With the wind and the rain in their frolicsome sport.

They come at her call, "I hear you," they say—
"We will wake up the flowers who sleep in our
way."

Yes, springtime is coming, the robin is here,
He calls to the children in a voice sweet and clear,
"Old Winter is going, help us drive him away,
Come out in the sunshine, ye blossoms so gay."

Waif.

THE IRIS.

When Ino the ocean nymph, youthful and fair,
Arose from the waters deep,
And bound with the rainbow her silken hair,
As she sprang up the rocky steep,

Fair Flora the flower queen met her there,
Adorned with her spectral crown;
And jealous of Ino's beautiful hair,
In rage flung the rainbow down.

The ocean nymph fled in fearful despair,
And hid in a lonely dell;
But the beautiful Iris blossomed there,
Where the shattered rainbow fell.

Washington Co., Vt. S. Minerva Boyce.

PANSIES.

Pansy faces wise and sweet,
In which such fragrance doth retreat,
Oh, how lovely are your eyes!
Underneath the sunny skies,
Richest hues of red and blue,
Purple, gold and white so true.

I look into your pretty eyes,
Turning heavenward to the skies.
Pretty petals pure and bright,
What could cause so much delight?
You Pansies are so sweet and true
My dearest love is all for you.

Harriet E. Mason.

CALLAS.

At the present time I have four lovely Callas, large, shapely and vigorous, one or two having five and six healthy leaves. Three of them have already had one flower, two of that three have the second large bud, and one of the latter is showing the impression of the third bud. Indeed, this last mentioned plant is so vigorous, that it is now bringing out two leaves at once, locked in each others embrace. The fourth specimen, however, is grand. It now has one half-opened bud and two other large closed buds plainly visible, thus exploding the ideas that Callas only have one bud at a time, as all these plants have only one root. Three of these were large, heavy roots when started.

It is almost superfluous to say that the soil cannot be too light and rich for Callas. In September I made a mixture of about two parts good garden soil, the same of well rotted cow manure and one part of sand, with a generous handful of ground bone-meal for the four pots, the whole thoroughly mixed until it is light and porous, and will sieve water through it at once. At the bottom of each pot I put about an inch and a half of broken pots or cinders for drainage, filling the pots to the brim with the mixture, and inserting the root so as to leave the white sprout exposed. Then they are thoroughly soaked with water and set in a shady place in the garden, and never allowed to look even dry. Upon the approach of cold weather they were brought into the house and put at a warm sunny window where they could have fresh air, but no direct draught, and watered regularly every day, allowing the saucers to fill with the surplus water. Twice a week this water should be as hot as the hand can bear. They will need no further care, but grow and bloom with increasing regularity until the middle of May, when they can be turned on their sides to rest until the following September.

J. E. Mc.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 22, 1898.

Floral Bouquet Holders.—At a church festival some small bouquets were thrust into the detached corollas of the Datura for bouquet holders, and sold readily for twice what the bouquets alone brought. The curly leaves of *Malva crispa* also make pretty holders, one leaf being sufficient for a bouquet.

E. W. Putnam.

Crawford Co., Pa., Jan. 1, 1898.

Insects on Plants.—For insects on the leaves or stems of house plants or Roses a remedy made by placing twenty drops of carbolic acid in half a gallon of water is recommended. Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

Indiana Co., Pa., Dec. 24, 1897.

Chinese Sacred Lilies.—These grow out-doors here without any care. I have had them to send up spikes with twelve and thirteen flowers on.

Mrs. A. Sorensen.

Alameda Co., Cal., Feb. 4, 1898.

PERENNIALS FROM SEEDS.

TO raise perennials from seeds they ought to be planted as early as the ground is warm in spring, and should be well cared for during the summer. Most of the hardy flowers do not like much protection during the winter, as I have learned by experience, having smothered to death some plants by giving them too much "protection." By sowing seeds early the roots will be well enough established to stand the cold with little or no protection.

Of all the hardy flowers nothing rivals, in my estimation, the old-fashioned Hollyhocks and Pæonies. It requires careful attention to raise these two, but once established they will more than repay for the trouble. The hardy Hibiscus is a most satisfactory plant to raise from seed, and a single plant will soon form quite a good-sized clump. *Yucca filamentosa* is a lovely plant, with its hundreds of creamy flowers, and its handsome foliage. It shows to best advantage blooming with scarlet *Salvias*, tall *Cannas*, or other rich colored flowers of tall growth. *Chrysanthemums* will bloom the first season, and from a single paper of seeds one may have a dozen plants equal to the best, provided of course, that good care is given them. Violets, Pinks and Honey-suckles all can be grown from seed and where one's purse is limited a number of choice shrubs, vines and plants can soon be obtained in this way.

Ina King.

Christian Co., Ky., Mar. 1, 1898.

[NOTE.—Other perennials that do well and are easily raised from seed are Pentstemons, Pansies, Carnations, Delphiniums, etc. These are all fine and require little care beyond good ground, and sufficient moisture in dry weather to keep them from drying out.—ED.]

Begonia Rubra.—I have a number of nice plants, but a *Begonia Rubra* stands at the head of the list. It is about five years old. Last fall I cut out the old stalk and let the new canes grow. They showed no inclination to send out branches, so I tried pinching. One cane is forty-five inches high, with seven main branches; the other cane about three feet with six branches. At present there are twenty-five panicles of bloom. It is twenty-seven inches from the ground to the first branch, and the plant looks like a tree. It more than fills one window. I give it good garden soil and leaf-mold mixed, water when required, and an occasional drink of fertilizer. It is in a south-east window. I have a number of *Begonias*, but *Rubra* and *Mad. de Lesseps* give the most satisfaction. *Mad. de Lesseps* will stand more neglect than any *Begonia* I know of.

Mrs. Jennie Brown.

Marshall Co., Kan., Mar. 1, 1898.

Alyssum Tom Thumb.—This is also known as Little Gem, and is a dwarf variety of the well-known Sweet Alyssum growing about six inches in height. It is one of the finest plants we have for edging, and low flower beds, as it flowers in the greatest profusion throughout the season. It is also well adapted for vases and hanging baskets.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Floral Park, N. Y.,

PORTULACA.

PORTULACA is a much neglected little plant which is worthy of a great deal of attention. We are generally advised to plant it in the sunniest place, and after it has reached blooming size withhold water. I planted it so for several years, until, becoming disgusted with its straggly, yellowish growth (though it always had plenty of flowers) I determined to try a different plan with it, and then, if it did not do better, drop it off my list altogether. So last spring I made up a good rich bed where it would be shaded through the heat of the day by hardy *Hibiscus*, and there I set plants of *Portulaca* and Sweet Alyssum alternately, and six inches apart each way. I soon gave up the idea of discarding the *Portulaca*, for it remained



throughout the summer a healthy green color, and though it did not give quite so many flowers as under the old treatment, the blooms were larger and it did much better every way. I kept the soil moderately damp, and it was not long until the bed was a solid mass of crimson and yellow, and white, and owing to its being partially shaded, the flowers remained open nearly all day. Of course the Sweet Alyssum lasted for many days, and its fragrance was exquisite. Altogether it was one of the most charming beds I had.

Ina King.

Christian Co., Ky., Mar. 1, 1896.

Tigridias.—A charming addition to our list of South American bulbs is the *Tigridia*, of which I have *T. Pavonia*, scarlet with spots, and *T. Conchiflora*, orange. There is also a lovely white and scarlet variety, *T. Violacea*, which I have never seen. The white does not increase as fast as the two first mentioned. They are very easily kept over winter. I tie the bulbs in bunches with the leaves on, and hang them up in a warm closet. It is said that mice consider them dainties.

Subscriber.

Cane Geranium.—Last Summer I filled an old tin bucket with rich dirt, and planted in it a *Cane Geranium*. It covers the bucket now and hangs down about a yard all around. It hangs in a corner of my room near the fire. On cold nights I hang it nearer the fire and put something around it. It is one of the brightest things in my room.

Mrs. Sallie Hites.

Crockett Co., Tenn., Feb. 21, 1898.

CACTUSES.

HOW well I remember my first effort at raising Cactuses from seeds, as many of the seeds were so fine it looked as if no life could spring from them. The greatest care was exercised to have the soil just right, and the box so prepared as to take up moisture from the bottom, as watering from the top would carry the tiny seed too deep to ever come up. When moist enough I sprinkled seed on top, using a fine sifter to sprinkle only a slight amount of soil over the seed, then placed a glass over the box. With what impatience I waited. At last a tiny speck, and its smallness almost called for a magnifying glass to fully show its beauty, and then many more baby Cacti, and by this time I alone was not the only one interested in the box of little "warts." As it was a mixed package, each day disclosed something new, I would think all up when another would be discovered, and it was at least six months before all came up. Some grew very slowly, others very fast.

I leave my Cactus in the greenhouse, and do not set in the yard, as I see so often recommended. I put on the top shelf all that require heat and sunshine. My *Cereus* are on the bottom shelf and have grown to the top of the greenhouse, and as they can go no higher I have had to fasten them to the rafters, where they twine in and out in many fantastic forms. The *Phyllocactus* are my special pets and they fully repay all trouble in their beautiful bloom. As they cannot stand the noonday sun they have a shelf by themselves where they are slightly shaded during the hot summer months. They like a rich soil and plenty of water while growing, but in winter only enough to keep from shrivelling up. There is not the novelty in them as in others, as they all bear a resemblance to each other. The Lobster and Christmas Cacti hold a place near them, as they require about the same treatment. I have some grafted on *Columbrinus* that are doing finely—have bloomed from grafts one year old. I get the most blooms from *Phyllo*, Lobster and Rat-tail Cactuses. The last hangs as close to the glass roof as possible, and reaches almost to the floor, and blooms profusely. The *Mammillarias* grow without any trouble in any sunny place, the hotter the better, if the soil is kept moderately moist and not as rich as for *Phyllo*.

Silex, Ark.

A. C. S.

How to Preserve Flowers.—

When you receive a bouquet, sprinkle it lightly with fresh water, then put into a vase containing soap suds, which nourishes the roots and keeps the flowers bright. Take the bouquet out of the suds every morning, and lay it with the stalk entirely in fresh water, keep it there a minute or two, then take out, and sprinkle the flowers lightly with fresh water. Replace the bouquet in the soap suds, and the flowers will keep as fresh as when first gathered. The soap suds need to be changed every third day. By this method a bouquet can be kept bright and beautiful for a month.

Doyleville, Ky.

Kentucky.

SENDING PLANTS BY MAIL.

ANY one can send plants in good condition if they will wrap them well in something damp. Moss is the best. Then wrap oiled paper around them and pack them in a box which holds them tightly, and they will go across the continent and arrive in good condition. If packed loosely the box is bound to get broken open in the mail, and the air will dry the plants. Tissue paper or blotting paper or any dry paper will draw all the moisture out of the roots, and they die or become so badly wilted that it is impossible to revive them. It is exasperating to send a package that one knows will arrive in good shape, then to receive a bundle of dry and worthless rubbish. If the plants are wrapped in greased or oil paper moisture cannot escape. Warm the paper over the stove and spread oil or grease over it. It will spread easily and take but little.

Kate Little.

Fillmore Co., Minn., Mar. 7, 1898.

[NOTE.—Always avoid wetting the foliage when packing plants to send by mail. Dip the roots in water, before placing the moss upon them, but take pains to keep the foliage dry.—Ed.]

Amaryllis Johnsonii.—I have seen *Amaryllis Johnsonii* bloom grandly in a quart can. I have two bulbs now growing side by side in a six inch clay pot, one of which has a bud one foot high. These two plants grew last summer in a quart can, sunk to the rim in the ground. About the last of January they started growth in the cellar. I brought them up to the window, and found the can too much decayed to use any longer. I removed the can from the ball of earth and repotted in a six inch pot. They just grew on, and about ten days ago I noticed one had budded. The other bulb has burst the outer skin at the neck, so I am watching for another bud. The flowers have just faded from my old plant. It has been in a gallon crock for three or four years. A nice pot for these plants is an inverted coffee pot, with the bottom removed, after it has done its duty in the kitchen. My *Vallotas* bloom beautifully in a receptacle of this kind. *Reginas* or *Queen Lilies* I have growing, some in tin cans, and some in pots. Some of them are budded now.

Indiana Co., Pa. Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

A Winter Beauty.—That interesting and curious plant, the Mistletoe, is very beautiful. A great bunch of dark green leaves covered with small waxy white berries, growing high up on the barren limbs of some stately tree, is always an object of interest. It is a true parasite, the roots entering the bark and fastening on the body of the limbs, living on the sap of the tree. The stems are dark green, same color as leaves, closely jointed and brittle, the leaves very thick and grow very close on the stems. It seems to be indigenous to the Elm and Walnut, as I do not find it on any other tree. I often see it in bunches at least two feet in diameter.

Eugenia.

Nason Co., Ky., Dec. 25, 1897.

A "PROPAGATOR."

I HAVE a contrivance for rooting leaf cuttings of *B. Rex*, *Hoya*, *Gloxinia*, *Sansevieria* and all slips slow in forming roots which, I think, when one has not artificial heat for such work, is perfection, or when one has no time to potter with other methods. It consists of a little tin pan holding about a pint, half filled with sand and covered with a deep bell of glass (lid to a butter dish), and when in use, and that is nearly all the time, it hangs in the sunniest window, or any place in an ascending current of warm air and where the light is strong. The cuttings are put in the sand, which is sopping wet, the lid fitting down snug inside the pan in the sand put on, and the "propagator" is hung up and left to take care of itself. The only attention it receives is a dash of warm water, without removing the lid, once in four or five days and nothing more. It sometimes happens that I wish to duplicate a plant from which I can take only a tiny twig or perhaps a cherished plant falls and is broken all to pieces and at a time most inopportune for slip-rooting, then my little "propagator" comes in handy, for the little bits are put in and it is hung up and no more bother, and by the time I have leisure to attend to them I find all well rooted, and without any trouble whatever.

California.

Marion Howard.

White Erythroniums.—White Erythroniums may be scarce in Ohio. I never saw any but yellow ones while living there, but in Wilson Co., Kan., and Barton Co., Mo., they are one of the most common wild flowers, and so far from being gone from the exposed parts of the country, are found in great abundance there on the open prairie, in the hard beaten ground of the roadside, and even in cultivated fields where the bulbs are turned over frequently by the plow. Their blossoms are not pure white, but are slightly tinged with lilac or purple on the outside of the petals, the three outer ones being shaded and the three inner striped through the center with more or less distinctness. The inside surface of all is white. The leaves are a light bluish green, very seldom marbled with brown. They are the earliest wild flowers to bloom, and come during March, according to the earliness of the season. They produce seed freely, and were I still in Missouri I could gather almost any quantity of bulbs or seeds. Here near the coast we have yellow ones, and some of the most beautiful pink color, although neither are very abundant at this place. Each of these last sometimes has two flowers on one stem, something I never saw before coming here.

Minnie A. O'wram.

Lincoln Co., Oregon, Feb. 21, 1898.

Perennial Flax.—I had two plants of Perennial Flax and I think it one of the loveliest flowers. It began blooming early in the spring and bloomed till the dry weather came on in July; when the rain came it began blooming again, and was in bloom till frost came.

Mrs. C. Stanley.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 19, 1897.

MY BACKYARD FARM.

DURING the past season a paragraph appeared in several papers, to the effect that man is by nature an agriculturist, and that he misses much of life without the opportunity to delve in the soil, and said, "happy is the man who is the possessor of a backyard farm," his instincts can be satisfied in a measure. Our own backyard farm has brought such enjoyment that I wish no one was without such a mine of delight. We are where "forty feet front" is called a large lot, especially when taxes are due, but in its yield of joy it surpasses a Klondike mine. For eight months last year, it gave us beauty and fragrance. In a shady corner under a native wild cherry tree, relic of the forest primeval, is a bed of wild flowers, brought from the wooded ravine, close by the Garfield monument. In March the Hepaticas lifted their little faces at the same time the *Crocus* appeared. From that time till the *Cosmos* finished the floral possession, just before Thanksgiving—we were never without flowers. Freely we picked them, sharing with all who came. Many birthdays were remembered with floral offerings. Flowers from our garden helped in wedding decorations. They carried cheer to sick rooms and to the hospital ward. I gave away not less than one bouquet for each day of the summer. That backyard farm is a veritable autograph album. As I look at my treasures I remember from whom came each one. Every year some purchases are made, but the shrub we have grown from a cutting, the Lilies given us by a friend, the Rose bush from the old home, all are dearer than any we buy from the florist. I have hardy shrubs and perennials, but always plant as many annuals as I can find room for. *Nasturtiums*, Sweet Peas and *Cosmos* cover the board fence, and peeping over give bright glimpses to our neighbors. Stately *Cannas* form a background for other plants, *Morning Glories* open their bright blossoms, and the delicate Wild Cucumber wreaths the back porch. These and many others, give constant bloom, through all the warm months.

Cuyahoga Co., O. Mrs. D. T. Wilson.

Pæonies.—On the 10th of June last year my pink Pæonies were in full bloom and were beautiful. The soil in this bed had become hard and compact, but Pæonies grew luxuriantly and bloomed profusely. However, in the fall, I concluded to have the bed renewed in this manner. The plants were cut off within six inches of the ground, then with a mattock the ground, which was very hard, was stirred. Of course care was taken not to disturb the roots. The ground, when dug, was too hard to work up nicely, so we let it alone until after a rain came and pulverized it. Then it was soaked over again, and a layer of old coal ashes put over it, then was given a rest. Later the ashes were worked in, and a coating was added, and worked into the soil; late in the season a final dressing was given, of manure from the cow-yard.

Uhlma.

Riverside, W. Va., Feb. 1, 1898.

HELIOTROPES.

It is nice to make a sort of a specialty of one flower. This is the day of specialists, you know. Concentrated energy is the surest of success. Hobbies are not bad. A fad that floods a town with Chinese Lantern plants or Spider Lilies is to be deplored. Fads are general, hobbies special. Suppose your hobby is Heliotropes. A sweeter flower does not grow, and common and dearly loved as it is, it is yet strangely rare. Half your friends will tell you that their plants stubbornly refuse to bloom, and yet it is possible to have them blooming all the long year round. The variety, too, has come to be something wonderful, from violet all through the lavenders and lilacs and pearls to pure white. Foliage black, green and golden. What more could be asked of a flower whose perfume is a dream of Paradise? These lovely flowers grow and bloom well in the blazing summer sun. Last spring very early we rooted some tiny slips, and when the earth was warm let them in the beds. They had the hot sun from twelve o'clock. They grew remarkably, and reveled in the hottest of suns. They threw out long green branches tipped with purple sweetness, defying the heat. Once in a while they were watered. The average flower lover has, perhaps, one or two consumptive looking Heliotropes in little flower pots, when she might have beds and beds of them. Just keep pinching off slips and rooting them. What if they are all alike? Nobody ever had enough of even one sort. But if you are buying, order the different varieties, and root slips from these. I find them fond of high living, not specially dainty as to fare. Our beds are of clay soil, heavily enriched with manure, and would be much too rich for most plants. There is a little sand and some leaf mould, but very little of either. It is a mistake to leave the old roots to die in the ground when blossom time is past. Fill a tub half full of manure and soil, take up the plants carefully and set them in the tub, filling in soil. The south window of a frost-proof cellar is a good place for the tub. Plenty of water on sunny mornings is all it needs. Here you have not only winter flowers, but plenty of slips for rooting.

Ellen Frizell Wycoff.

Iredell Co., N. C.

[NOTE.—Heliotropes do well bedded out in the summer. A little bed, or even a clump of the plants will become a mass of blooming clusters,

and will scent the surrounding air, while the prays, with a leaf from a scented Geranium near by will make many a prized buttonhole. Those who are not successful with Heliotropes in pots should not fail to try them in beds.—Ed.]

Pinks.—When making out your seed orders this spring do not forget the Pinks. There are varieties enough to please all, and prices to accommodate all pocket-books. The annual Dianthus shows many beautiful varieties both single and double. They only lack fragrance, which if desired can be found in the Marguerite Carnations, also hardy Carnations, and hardy Garden Pinks. The Marguerite has now reached almost perfection, so quickly flowering, large, and coming in all the colors of Carnations, and possessing delicious fragrance. They can be lifted in the fall and will bloom in the window profusely. The grandest of all is the house Carnation. It has no rival or equal, in any flower, unless it is the Rose. I never could decide to which one to give the preference, but the lasting qualities of the Carnation are superior to those of the Rose. Marguerites require starting in February or March to bloom in July, and they well repay the trouble. The annual Dianthus can be started in the house and will bloom much earlier for so doing. E. P. H. Litch'd Co., Conn.



SPRAY OF HELIOTROPE.

Arranging Flowers for the Sick.

For Pansies take moss from the woods and mound it on saucers or plates. Edge this with fine flowers or ferns. Use a skewer to make holes in the moss, putting a Pansy in. Colors may be grouped or designed as one pleases. These will keep fresh several days. Last season when Bird's-foot Violets were in bloom, a strawberry box lined with moss was taken to the field, the plants dug with soil on the roots, and placed closely in the box and carried to a sick friend and she was so much pleased. The buds opened fresh and blue. These were a delight for a whole week. Where one carries to a certain person, the flowers or bouquets should be different each time. A good plan is to take them in a box, and let the sick one arrange to her taste, if she is able. A bunch of fine fingered ferns give a cool effect on a hot day. Eliza Bradish.

Worcester Co., Mass., Feb. 28, 1898.

Crimson Rambler Rose.—This is said to be hardy, and produces crimson flowers in clusters. It is not everblooming. It blooms but once each season.

BEDDING PLANTS.

BEDDING plants are always useful, and they are especially convenient for the gardener who has forgotten bulbs and who finds seedtime a thing of the past. And they are quite indispensable in a garden that is to furnish beauty and sweetness through the summer months. In this as in all things, the requirements of the gardener, facilities for growing plants and personal tastes, must be taken into careful consideration and proper plants selected. If one is selecting from a catalogue do not be misled by glowing descriptions. I would not question the honesty of the writers of these rhapsodies, but—tastes differ. It is a good plan to stick to things that you have seen. If you live in a country town, never make a trip to a city without treating yourself to a visit to a good greenhouse. Open your eyes, your ears, and your mouth. Look, listen, and ask questions. You will find flower lovers, as a rule, pleasant, companionable, ready to talk. Indeed the people about a greenhouse love to show off their beauties as a mother does her children. But don't beg. Is the warning necessary? I hope not, and yet—buy if you can, if not, praise and admire freely. Then when you get back to your catalogue call to mind what you have seen. If you took a few notes all the better. Make your selections with the same discriminating care you give to your spring clothing.

If the order is early in a very short time the neat package will come. Open it at once, carefully remove the plants from the moss. Put them in a vessel of warm water in a shady place. If they are small and of tender sorts, have some cans or pasteboard boxes ready, also a box of potting soil. Set the plants out carefully, water just a little and put the cans in a dark place for two days, then in the deep shade, drawing them nearer and nearer to the sunshine until they begin to turn their leaves toward it. When they are growing have the beds ready and cautiously slip them in place. This is better than putting them at once out of doors, and really no more work than covering and uncovering in the beds.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C.

Epiphyllum Cactus.—Occasionally I see an account of the wonderful blooming qualities of the Crab Cactus. I never heard of one that exceeded one that a friend of mine had last Christmas time. By actual count it had two hundred and fifty buds and blossoms, and for the last two or three weeks it has been in bloom again. Can any one give a better record than that?

Litchfield Co., Conn.

E. P. H.

Otaheite Orange.—I find the Otaheite Orange a most satisfactory plant. I have had mine about two years, and last fall it had fifteen ripe Oranges and a number of green ones on it. It was also full of beautiful, fragrant flowers. The fruit is very delicious, much like the common Orange.

Mrs. W. T. Boon.

Jefferson Co., Texas, Feb. 19, 1898.

FLOWERS AND THEIR MISSION.

I THINK I hear some one say: "What! Flowers have a mission?" Yes; why not? Yes, indeed, at least mine have, and they are bravely performing it too, as the many tributes from friends and strangers can testify. To many homes they have brought bright gleams of pleasure—to the sick carrying comfort and cheer, to the weary worker a promise of a brighter future, a gleam of beauty in their hitherto dull lives. But it is to the home of those where the dark winged messenger of Death has entered with sorrow and distress that I feel they have their grandest mission, for no casket ever goes out from this place but carries their fragrance. Into many a darkened home for many miles have they carried in their silent sympathy a gleam of light, breaking like a ray of sunshine through the dark clouds that enveloped them, a ray of hope, that the tall oak, the stately Lily or the tiny bud was only the form to be laid away in the dark cold ground, but they indeed had only been transplanted to the garden above, to be guarded and treasured beyond all power of ours. There indeed I feel my flowers have their mission.

And although some may think too much time is spent in their culture, I do not, for to me plants are like little children, and when I see them starved and neglected for the want of proper care and attention there comes over me somewhat that feeling one has for a lonely neglected child, or the half starved stray waifs of humanity that so often cross our paths in this every day world of ours. Then, alas! I feel that they have indeed lost their mission.

A. C. S.

Silex, Ark.

Tradescantia Virginica.—Tradescantia Virginica, sometimes called Blue-eyed Mary, is low growing. I never saw but a few tall stems and they stood alone in loose and dryer soil. They need a rich tenacious soil, almost a muck. The prettiest group of these flowers I ever saw was in May last, in a pasture that had a foot or more of water standing on it for three weeks during early spring. There was every shade of color, from pure white to deep purple. As there was such a sprinkling of white I thought it must be Anemone, so coming that way in the afternoon of that day, I stopped to see. There was not a flower to be seen; all had closed, and there were no Anemones either, so I am in hopes they were white Tradescantias. Of all the places I have heard from yet where they have this flower, they have no white ones, as we have here; but white ones are very rare here, and if I can get a quantity next May to divide with the sisters I shall think I am in luck.

Mrs. M. J. Keagle

Plymouth Co., Iowa, Feb. 19, 1898.

Sea Onion.—The last time my Sea Onion bloomed, the bloom stalk was fifty-two and one-half inches in length, and the blossoms covered the stalk for twenty-three inches. The bulb is about three inches in diameter.

Mrs. D. M. Lowell.

Essex Co., Mass., Feb. 16, 1898.

THE GIFT AND THE MOTIVE.

Two women came to the altar
And knelt on Easter morn;
The garb of one was silken,
The other old and worn,
And side by side as they turned away,
The Lily and the Pasque flower lay.

The preacher touched the petals
Of the Lily tall and fair,
And gained an inspiration
From the beauty centered there;
This was an offering gold had bought,
But he blessed the hand that the Lily brought.

The other, Paschal flower,
Wilted at close of day,
And the people looked, unheeding,
Where its purple petals lay;
It was a gift from a toiling hand
And its only worth was a heart's command.

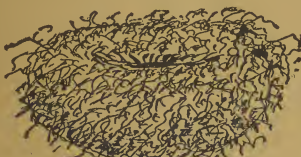
Two lives had been to the altar
And knelt on Easter morn;
Each had written a story
From different motives born,
But Jesus read as they turned away,
And He blessed the spot where the Pasque flower lay.

Florence Josephine Boyce.

Washington Co., Vt.

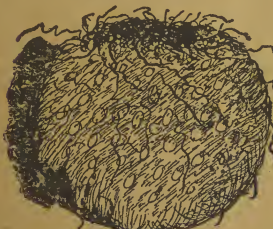
GESNERACEOUS BULBS AND TUBERS.

HEREWITH are illustrations of the bulbs and tubers of a few Gesneraceous flowers. It will be noticed that they vary much in general appearance and character, some having the form of the tubers of Begonia, while others are bulbous and worm-like, and really form-



Tuberous Begonia.

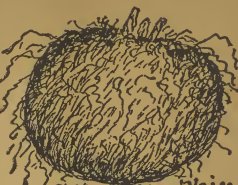
idable-looking objects. To make an intelligent comparison we give first a sketch of a Begonia tuber. This has an oval, smooth base from which the fibrous roots issue promiscuously, and the crown is often concave, as indicated in the sketch. Sometimes,



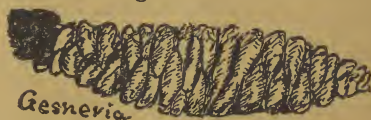
Gloxinia.

however, the crown is raised, instead of sunk-en, but is easily distinguished from the base by its rough, knobby surface. This is detailed here because of the question which sometimes arises concerning the crown end of the bulbs. The Tuberous Begonia is not a Gesneraceous plant, but the Gloxinia, which has a tuber very similar to that

of Tuberous Begonia is one of the most beautiful plants of the order, and one of the easiest grown and most popular. The crown of the tuber of this flower is known in the same way as that of the Tuberous Begonia, and the same is true, also, of the Tuberous or Plain Gesneria, illustrations of which are here given.

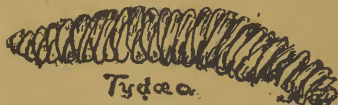


Gesneria Plain



Gesneria Variegated-leaved.

The Variegated-leaved Gesneria has a long, scaly bulb, not unlike that of Tydaea, as represented in the sketch. Both are much like the insect larva known as grub-worm. They are thick, fleshy, tender, white in color, ribbed, and in appearance and touch are very deceptive, moving and wriggling just as you would imagine the common grub-worm will do. The Achimene is a more dense, hard and compact bulb, and the scales are more cone-like than those of Gesneria or Tydaea.



Tydaea.

All these tubers require a season of rest during winter, and should be kept secure from the air and extremes of heat and cold. A temperature of 50° suits them, and they should be frequently examined while resting, to see that they are keeping well.



Achimene

A little neglect is ruinous. Tydaeas and some species of Achimenes are especially hard to keep, if taken from the soil and exposed to the air. It is better to partially dry off and winter undisturbed in the soil in which they grew.

Cereopsis Harvest Moon.—This is a novelty of recent introduction, and is evidently a variety of *C. lanceolata*, but differs from it in having much larger flowers which also have broader overlapping fringed petals. It blooms in profusion from June to September and as the flowers are borne on long stiff stems they are of the greatest value for vases, and other cut flower work. It is a plant of the easiest culture, doing well in almost any soil and situation. It is claimed that this variety will reproduce itself true from seed.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Floral Park, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1898.

COSMOS.

THERE are no prettier fall flowers than white Cosmos, with the feathery green foliage. Unless you start the plants in the house you are never sure of flowers as far north as Iowa. I plant the seeds in boxes. It takes but a few days for them to come up. As soon as the second pair of leaves start, I transplant to tin cans, and set out in beds when danger of frost is over. When they are well started and good sized plants, lift them with as much dirt around them as possible, dig the hole deeper and reset, for the plants have such small roots and large tops that they blow over easily. I find they ought to have a partially sheltered location, for the hard winds break them badly. By covering lightly during the first heavy frosts, I have had an abundance of flowers as late as November, and they were much admired because they came at a time when out-of-door flowers were scarce.

Mrs. Metta Marson.

Van Buren Co., Iowa, Mar. 4, 1898.

Polyantha Roses.—A few years ago I sent for a packet of Rose seeds said to be Polyanthas—part dwarf and part climbing—and said to bloom in a few months if sown early. I sowed them in February. They all grew finely but no flowers appeared. I left them in the ground and they all survived the winter. The next year they did not blossom but grew eight to ten feet. The next year they blossomed. Part of them were small inferior blossoms and part of them semi-double. The semi-double are white, a little larger than a five-cent piece and grow in large clusters. Part of them were single, some pink and some white. We think they are beautiful. They were in blossom nearly three weeks. They are all climbers.

F. N. C.

Hartford, Conn.

Flowers for Children.—Let the children have a variety bed where they can do a little experimenting when they wish. Give them what seeds you can spare, show them how deep to cover them, have the ground properly broken up and fertilized for them, that they may have a right to expect good results, and in a few months they will have learned more of real practical value about floriculture, transplanting, etc., than you could teach them verbally in years. Always tell them kindly how and when to do things, and make the why perfectly clear, and you will seldom have to repeat the same lesson. Our little boy of seven can fix his soil, plant, transplant, pot and re-pot about as successfully as his mother.

Mrs. John Auld.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 7, 1898.

Sweet Peas.—Some one every year says plant Sweet Peas in the house in a pasteboard box. Now I get a box about as large as a corset box, with a slide lid, and take the bottom out; then when I put the plants out doors I pull the lid or bottom out. The pasteboard boxes are always coming apart.

May Shipman.

Williams Co., Ohio, Jan. 21, 1898.

KEEPING TOO MANY WINDOW PLANTS.

DO not attempt to keep more plants than you have time, strength, or inclination to care for properly. Plants need attention daily to prove as attractive as they can be, and we do not act wisely when we attempt to care for them, and fail to get all the pleasure from them that they are capable of affording us, besides doing an injustice to the plants so ill used. When the desire to get plants begins, one sees so many pretty ones; and sometimes neighbors are generous in giving cuttings, so a goodly number is collected in a short time. Sometimes I think it would be better for beginners to have to buy all of their plants. Some would not then have so many, for some persons will take all the cuttings, seeds and plants they can get that are offered as presents, when they will not buy. Others will buy more than they can care for properly, if they see something that pleases them. The spirit of rivalry also prompts some to get too many plants. A neighbor has a large collection of plants, and they try to out-number her. Now let me suggest another mode of rivalry. See if you cannot surpass your neighbors by having the cleanest, healthiest and finest looking collection in town or out. You will do good by such rivalry, for your own plants will be better cared for, and it will be a stimulus to others to get their plants in like condition. You will very probably, if you have a large collection, lessen the number, for you will see that a small collection well cared for is much more desirable than a large collection not half taken care of, therefore they are apt to be unhealthy, possibly infested with insects, and altogether an unattractive sight to look at.

Some floral writers are somewhat to blame for people getting too many plants. They will write of a plant or more than one, and describe it or them as having so many good qualities and as being in every way so very desirable, and then advise every one to get the plant or plants. Some are so easily enthused over plants so highly praised, that they cannot rest until they have them in their possession, when at the same time they may have all they can care for properly. If you have all that you can care for properly and wish some new varieties, dispose of some you have.

There is another very important thing. Healthy plants like healthy children, grow and require more room as they get older, and to develop into specimen plants they must not be crowded; hence, if your space for plants is limited you should restrict the number you keep to suit the size of your window garden.

C. D. A.

Shelby Co., Ind.

[NOTE.—Some plants require special care to keep them healthy and vigorous, while others thrive, bloom, and are beautiful even under neglect. Success with flowers is attained more readily and surely by the careful selection of plants than by any other means. In getting up a collection therefore, it is well to try a variety of plants, and hold fast to those that do well for you. Discard the others.—Ed.]

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Shell Flower.—*Moluccella laevis* is the name of this common annual. It belongs to the Mint family, and is often known as Molucca Balm. It is noted for its large shell-like calyx, shown in the illustration, and is more curious than showy. The spikes are sometimes cut and dried, and retain their beauty of form and color for use in winter bouquets or decorations. The plant is a native of Syria.



Sacred Lilies After Blooming.—After blooming the flower stalks of Sacred Lilies may be removed and the plants potted in good porous loam, and watered till the tops begin to fade, then set the pots away in a cool, shady place till autumn. If the bulbs do not split up into numerous small bulbs they may bloom again. As a rule, however, it is as well to throw the old bulbs away and buy fresh imported bulbs each season. After having bloomed in water they are usually so exhausted that it requires several years of culture to produce blooming bulbs again.

Golden-rayed Japan Lily.—This, the grandest of Lilies, and the sweetest and most beautiful of garden flowers, should be procured and planted this month, or in the early part of May. Be sure that the bulbs are large and sound, and you will have a fine display of summer bloom. Avoid small, inferior bulbs. A dollar expended now for fine bulbs of this Lily will afford more satisfaction and pleasure, perhaps, than that amount expended in any other way.

Thuja.—The Thuja or Thuya is an evergreen of the Pine Family, and is known as Arbor Vitæ. There are many species, mostly hardy trees. They may be propagated from either seeds or cuttings.

DISH-CLOTH GOURD.

THE various sorts of Luffa, ornamental plants of the Gourd family, are popularly known as Dish-cloth Gourds. They are so-called because the rotted veins of the first washed out from half decayed specimens make a rough, spongy material useful in scouring and cleaning. The same material, when well-blended, can be used in decorative work, being ornamental, as well as useful.



The seeds are jet black, about the size of those of the Water-melon, but are tapered and have a smooth surface. They germinate readily, and the vines grow very rapidly, especially if planted in a warm, sunny place where they are protected from cold winds. The flowers are white, in form not unlike those of the common Dipper Gourd, and the long, club-like fruit soon follows. In foliage, flowers and fruit the plant is very ornamental, and excites the admiration as well as the curiosity of all who see the plant in luxuriant growth. For a trellis in the back-yard, or for covering a wall or an unsightly building this vine is especially recommended. The little engraving will give some idea of the form of the foliage, flower and fruit.

Planting Lilies.—Golden-rayed Lilies should be set fifteen inches apart in well-drained soil, setting the bulbs eight inches deep. After planting set Kenilworth Ivy over the bed. This will trail over the surface, and beautify it, forming a compact, green carpet which will keep the soil moist and cool. The Ivy may be raised from seeds, costing 3 cts. per packet.

Rex Begonias.—The leaves of Rex Begonias are sometimes punctured by nocturnal enemies which hide in the earth during the day, and are not to be seen. Where they become troublesome apply a sprinkling of water impregnated with Paris green.

Easter Lily.—An Easter Lily will usually become a fine blooming bulb in three years from the time it is an offset. If kept in good condition the plant will bloom annually for several years.

A CHEAP SUMMERHOUSE.

A CHEAP but handsome summerhouse can be made in octagonal form, with the lower part enclosed in split poles with the bark on, making a rustic finish. Eight rustic posts seven feet or more high will support the roof, which can be made of bark. Hall's Honeysuckle, *Cissus heterophylla* and *Aristolochia sypho* are all beautiful permanent vines to use for decoration. If annuals are wanted the old-fashioned Morning Glory in the new shades is as handsome and reliable as any. *Coboea scandens*, Variegated Hop and the Canary-bird Vine are also useful and satisfactory. The expense of such a house is not great, while the enjoyment it affords, if in a good situation, is inestimable.

Mimulus cupreus.—This little engraving represents a plant of *Mimulus cupreus* brilliant, one of the easiest grown and most handsome of Monkey Flowers. It is



said to be a variety of *M. luteus*, a Californian species. It is compact in growth, with succulent stems and leaves, and brilliant flowers, produced for several weeks. The plants are readily started from seeds, and soon come into bloom.

Montbretia.—This is a summer-blooming bulb, and requires the same treatment as the *Gladiolus*—planting out in the summer, and lifting and storing in a frost-proof place over winter where the climate is severe.

Starting Roses.—Where but a few plants are to be started the surest and best way is to put down layers in spring or summer. These will be found well rooted the next season, and may be cut from the parent plant and transplanted. Most ever-blooming Roses are easily started from cuttings inserted in sand in mid-summer. Such plants must be well cared for over winter, or they will not live to become serviceable blooming plants the next season.

Umbrella Plant.—*Cyperus alternifolius*, a tropical sedge-grass is mostly known as Umbrella Plant. It is a marsh plant, and thrives in a clay soil kept thoroughly moistened during the growing season. When the old leaves turn brown and unsightly, or form small shoots, cut them off, and repot, i. more root-room is needed, and new vigorous foliage will soon appear.

APHIDES.

A PHIDES or "Green Lice" are the most common and troublesome insects that infest plants. They are mostly of a light green color, but often partake of the shade or color of the foliage upon which they feed. They range in size from that of a small, mere speck to an eighth of an inch in length. Occasionally they are found with wings, but all have two honey-secreting glands, appearing like little horns, upon the rear of the body.

When disturbed a little drop of liquid is emitted from these glands. This is understood by ants, which are nearly always found on aphides-infested plants, touching the insects, then feeding upon the honey secretion. Aphides may be easily destroyed by covering the plant with a box and admitting some tobacco smoke; or if kerosene emulsion is applied a few times with a good syringe, they will disappear, and some tobacco stems chopped fine will prevent their return.



Gloxinias from Leaves.—Gloxinias start readily from well-matured leaves inserted in moist sand in a shady place in summer. A little tuber soon forms at the base, with roots and a crown, just as we find in the older tubers. When well developed pot these singly in sandy leaf mould, letting the crown protrude above the surface. In late autumn let the soil dry off, and set the pots away in a room where the atmosphere keeps at a regular temperature of 50°. In February or early March repot, and start the young tubers and you will have blooming plants throughout the season.

For House Culture.—For house culture the following Roses can be recommended: *Hermosa*, pink; *Arch-duke Charles*, variegated; *Queen's Scarlet*, crimson; *Clotilde Soupert*, white with peach centre; *Francisca Kruger*, yellow. These are ever-blooming, are easily cared for, not subject to mildew, and the flowers are beautiful in form and color.

Japanese Anemones.—Japanese Anemones mostly do well in a porous loam, well drained, and kept moderately moist. They should be kept merely moist through winter, while resting. They like partial shade, and must be sheltered from severe wind.

Myrtle.—The *Myrtus communis* is a dwarf, upright, evergreen shrub with pretty, shining, fragrant foliage and spikes of white flowers in the spring. It is the old-fashioned pot Myrtle, much in demand, and is useful for bouquets.

Leaves Curling.—Leaves of *Rex Begonias* curl at the edge when they become spidered. Curling is also caused in the *Begonias*, as well as in silver-leaf *Geraniums*, by a cold temperature and clogged drainage.

A EUROPEAN TRIP.

LETTER NO. 7.

The bulb-drying house in Holland is usually two and a half stories high, with large doors and windows all around, which can be swung wide open to admit the sun and air. Extending cross-wise, with an aisle at each side, are tiers of racks, one above the other, with aisles between the tiers, and upon these racks are placed the Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, and other bulbs in shallow layers to dry after they have been carefully screened, sized and hand-picked, and all the injured and decaying ones thrown out. For this cleaning and sorting, a series of large, coarse, circular sieves, two feet across and about eight inches high are used, and they are so arranged that the base of one sieve fits into the top of another. A half dozen or more of these sieves are banked, the upper being of coarse mesh, and the lower ones grading finer. In using, the bulbs are placed in the upper sieve, and the bank of sieves rocked backward and forward until the dirt and smaller bulbs pass to the sieves below, then the upper sieve is again filled up, and the process continued until all the sieves are full. The large bulbs, which are in the top sieve, are then examined, sorted, hand-dressed, and set out in layers upon the racks. When the bulbs of the first sieve are thus disposed of the sieve is removed, and the bulbs found in the next sieve, which are a size smaller, are similarly treated. In this way the bulbs are all sized and cleaned and sorted and dried, ready for shipping to America and other foreign countries. My first comment upon examining this slow, laborious process of cleaning and curing bulbs was, "It seems strange that you do not have a steam-power machine for doing the work. It would be a small matter to design a machine that would take these rough, dusty bulbs from the hopper, brush and cleanse and polish them, sort them into sizes, and at the same time partially dry them. Then by placing upon wire trays in an artificially heated evaporating room they could be dried, and ready for market in a few days." But apparently this would be a process too rapid for the grower of Dutch bulbs. His forefathers for a century past prepared bulbs for market in the way, described, and he does not propose to change the method.

The land of Holland is below tide water, and the sea is kept out by great natural and artificial dunes or embankments along the sea coast. To drain the soil the government has constructed and maintains a series of big canals which appear upon the landscape like a giant net-work. These canals have elevated banks, and are lined by the celebrated Dutch windmills, which draw the water from private drain-ways on the farms and empty into the public canal. In summer the windmills are mostly idle, but in winter, when rain is abundant, and evaporation slight they are kept constantly at work.

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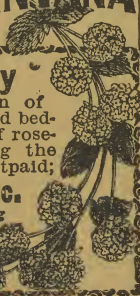
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When I closed my last letter I had just reached the bulb-drying house of one of the firms of bulb-growers with whom I had dealings. I inquired for the head of the firm, who I personally knew. His son was there, and went in search of his father, who told me how he described me: "Father, there is a gentleman down at the bulb house who wants to see you. He is a tall man with a brown mustache, and talks through his nose. I guess he is an Englishman." Having taken a course at a school of elocution in earlier years, and given special attention to enunciation, the idea of talking "through the nose" was humiliating, indeed. But I considered the source, for the above is but a translation of the language he used, which I can honestly say is a throat language, and it is but natural to accuse anyone not using their peculiar throat dialect of having a nasal twang. After a cordial greeting by my Dutch friend, I was urged to become his guest, and he led the way along a shady path to his home in the grove some distance back.

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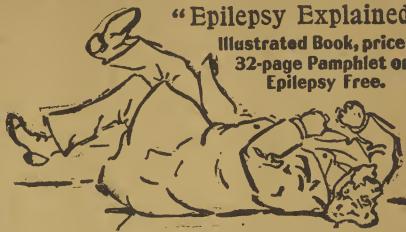
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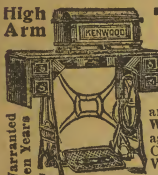
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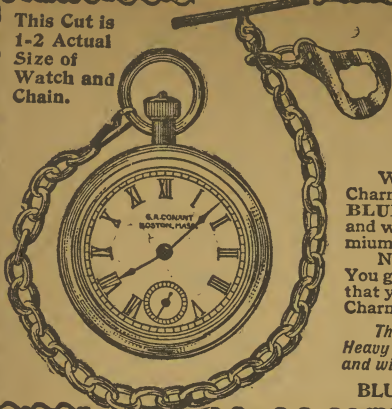


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Spring.—Though the trees are covered with ice, and the ground is white with snow, yet I know the time of verdure is near. The grasses, with upraised blades, will soon stand—a martial host—to meet the advancing throng. Myriad green leaves are on the way, and will mingle their aspirate praises with the universal harmony. The time of flowers is near. How it cheers the heart to watch the tender shoot uprise from the imprisoned seed. Already the Crocus—brave one—is on the upward way. The Cowslip in the meadow will soon reveal the hidden gold. 'Tis almost time to greet the early risers; a little waiting in the cold and dark, then joyful uprisings. They are coming—the floral throng. Across the greenward in flowery language Violets will write, "God is love." The Willows have opened their jewel caskets, and adorned themselves for the grand spring opening festival. The sun rises at times, and the daylight lingers late. Verdure, song and flowers! Open the long closed windows and live in the open air. Join, O mortal, in the springtime anthem that rises Heavenward. **Essex Co., Mass. G. A. P.**

Dear Band:—Our family is all fond of flowers. In the summer the children all visit the flowerbeds the first thing in the morning, and it is "Oh, Ma, just come out here and see this" every time they see a new flower. **Mrs. T. Euling.**

Washington Co., Wis., Feb. 20, 1898.

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Mrs. F.

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BRIEF ANSWERS.

Oxalis.—*Oxalis cernua* fl. pl. is a double yellow Oxalis, and is what is sold as Double Buttercup Oxalis.

Calla.—The Calla Lily should be dried off once a year to give it a rest and allow the tuber to recuperate. During the resting period water sparingly, only enough to keep the fleshy roots from drying. Without a rest periodically the Calla will be unsatisfactory and does not bloom well, if at all.

Gloxinias.—These should be potted in light, porous soil, with the crown end of the tuber protruding. They should be watered regularly, but not too freely, and good drainage should be provided. During the resting period cease watering and keep perfectly dry at a temperature of about 50°. These directions may also be applied to Tuberous Begonias.

Green Lice on Roses.—Wash the plants well with kerosene emulsion, made by adding a teaspoonful of kerosene to a gallon of soap suds. Repeat this at intervals of three or four days to destroy those that are hatched. This treatment will also destroy red spider.

Mites.—Mites are diminutive scavengers found in decaying vegetable matter. They also attack the living portion of bulbs, and thus hasten decay. The best way to get rid of them is to take the bulbs out, wash and cleanse them, then pot in fresh soil with a handful of charcoal around each bulb.

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QUESTIONS.

Will some one please tell how an Ivy Geranium should be treated to be strong and vigorous?

"Amy."

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Mrs. S. V. Heaton.

Huntingdon Co., Pa., Jan. 20, 1898.

Dear Band.—Spring! Who of us does not hail its coming among us? And how eagerly each lover of nature looks for the starting of plant and seed, watching so closely each plant to see it start into life, and marveling that so much beauty could spring from so small a source.

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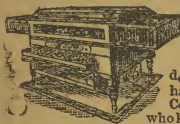
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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Ans.—It is doubtless the hardy native shrub, *Staphylea trifolia*, which is found in our marshy forests.

Easter Lily.—Mr. Park: The stem got broken off my Easter Lily when it was just budding. Is the bulb any good, and how shall I treat it.—J. L. T.

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[NOTE.—Quite a number of answers to this "Floral Contest" have been received, but for lack of space we cannot publish them. The one above was written by the author.—Ed.]

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Jeanette, La., Feb. 23, 1898.

Dear Floral Friends:—I come to your pleasant circle this morning asking information. Will some of you please give me through the Floral Magazine the little poem about the flowers for the different months? I can only remember two of them: For July the Pond Lily and for September Morning Glories.—A. H., N. C.

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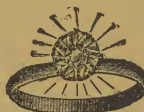
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